

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR SESSION

February 14, 2005

Closed Session 5:15 p.m.

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Alice Dowdin presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, Bob Snyder, Alice Dowdin

Council Members Absent: Kevin Hanley (Closed Session only)

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Charles Wachob
Police Chief Nick Willick
Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi
Public Works Director Charles Clark
Community Development Director Will Wong

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: **Without objection.**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager
City Attorney

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Dowdin reported that the Council took no reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's Commendations: PCWA 30th Anniversary

AGENDA APPROVAL

Item 15 was moved ahead of Item 11.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Council Minutes

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of November 15 and 22, 2004.

2. Purchase of New Type 1 Fire Apparatus

By **RESOLUTION 05-10** authorize the Fire Chief to purchase one (1) new Type 1 fire apparatus.

3. Declare Surplus Property

By **RESOLUTION 05-11** declare the modular office building located at 55 College Way as surplus property and authorize solicitation for bids for its purchase and removal.

4. Appointments to Fill Vacancies—Economic Development Commission Recommendation

By **RESOLUTION 05-12** approve the re-appointment of Monti Reynolds in the Member-at-Large category and Gary Moffat and J. Randal Smith in the Business Community Representative category. These two-year terms will expire in December 2006. Appoint Jan McDonald to fill the unexpired term in the Member-at-Large category, ending December 2005.

5. Appointments to Fill Vacancies—Telecommunications Commission Recommendation

By **RESOLUTION 05-13** approve the appointment of Teresa Schredl and Alec Stier to the Telecommunications Commission. These four-year terms will expire in January 2009.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/
Approved 5:0**

6. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes asked the City Manager and staff to see if the City could restore the \$400 contribution to the library. This amount was reduced from the last-approved city budget.

Council Member Nesbitt agreed and suggested adding a little more.

Council Member Snyder said the Chamber of Commerce had developed a Blue Ribbon Committee to look at the economic development opportunities in the City as they develop and work with the City Council to make the community better.

Mayor Dowdin added that this undertaking is a partnership between the Chamber and the City. It is in everybody's interest that the Council is afforded the opportunity to support, add comment or input his or her ideas. She asked the Chamber to brief the Council on their proposed action so that we are all on the same page with regards to what the task force is trying to do in the City. Then the Council could decide on what the City's involvement in that particular endeavor would be.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. **Art Commission Ordinance Amendment- 1st Reading**

Introduce and read by title only an **ORDINANCE** amending the Auburn Municipal Code: **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

First reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

REPORTS

8. **Quarterly Reports from Committees and Commissions**

None.

9. **Informational Reports from Staff**

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi reviewed the 2004 Emergency Incident Report as outlined in the agenda. He added that he had submitted two proposals for grants.

10. **City Council Committee Reports**

Mike Holmes said the Arts Commission is developing a brochure with a walking tour of the various arts exhibits in the City.

Mr. Holmes said that Placer County Air Pollution Control District had increased its funding for grants to \$950,000. He suggested that the Public Works Director consider applying for additional grant money.

Keith Nesbitt said the Solid Waste Local Task Force recovery rate has reached 54% surpassing the goal of 50%.

The Boys and Girls Club has been receiving significant contributions from contractors in the form of work donated and about \$40,000 from PCA.

The Doggie Park location has been approved in concept by the Auburn Recreation District (ARD).

COUNCIL BUSINESS

15. Item 15 was discussed ahead of Item 11. See below.

11. **Ordinance Amendment: Drinking Intoxicating Liquors in Public – 2nd Reading**

There was no discussion or comment.

By **ORDINANCE 05-1** adopt changes in the Auburn Municipal Code regarding drinking intoxicating liquors in public. **MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

Second reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

12. **Ordinance Amendment: Urinating or Defecating in Public – 2nd Reading**

There was no discussion or comment.

By **ORDINANCE 05-2** adopt changes in the Auburn Municipal Code regarding urinating or defecating in public. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Snyder/Approved 5:0**

Second reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

13. **Adoption of Updated Version of the Auburn Municipal Code – 2nd Reading**

There was no discussion or comment.

By **ORDINANCE 05-3** revise, amend, restate and codify the Auburn Municipal Code. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

Second reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

14. **Pacific Housing and Finance Agency Joint Powers Authority**

City Manager Bob Richardson said that most housing assistance programs are designed to assist low-income families purchase their homes. This unique program is designed to help mid-income families with incomes up to \$90,000 to purchase homes even without a down payment.

Council Member Snyder said he wants more time to study this program. He is not yet ready to vote on it without more information.

Council Member Nesbitt agreed and added that there are too many unanswered questions.

Dan Sokol of 1330 Deerwood Place also agreed. He said delay is appropriate. More study is needed.

Mayor Dowdin then continued this item to a later meeting.

15. **Office of Traffic Safety “High School Seat Belt Challenge” Program**

This item was discussed ahead of Item 11.

Police Chief Nick Willick said this is an agreement for professional services with Professional Events to assist the department with its Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) “High School Seat Belt Challenge” program.

By **RESOLUTION 05-14** approve the agreement with Professional Events for professional services to assist the department with its Office of Traffic Safety “High School Seat Belt Challenge” Program. **MOTION: Holmes/Nesbitt/**
Approved 5:0

16. **Consultant Agreement for Planning Services**

Community Development Director Will Wong said that staff needs to extend this agreement, which was approved in October of last year. Staff lost one assistant planner in November and we still have no replacement. North Fork Associates can provide 16 hours of service. The cost of an assistant planner would be about \$300 more per week than North Fork. They can also provide additional expertise for environmental documents to help expedite the process. When a contractor has certain time constraints and wants to speed up the process, he may request the services of North Fork. Any additional costs would be borne by the contractor. This has no effect on the general fund.

A. By **RESOLUTION 05-15** authorize the Community Development Director to execute a consultant agreement between the City of Auburn and North Fork Associates for planning services. **MOTION: Holmes/Dowdin/**
Approved 5:0

- B. By **RESOLUTION** establish the fee “at cost” with a \$500 deposit for a Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report and Annexation.

There was considerable Council discussion and confusion about “at cost” and the “\$500 deposit”. Both the City Manager and the Mayor suggested that this item be delayed to another meeting. Mayor Dowdin referred this item to staff for further clarification.

MOTION: Nesbitt/Holmes/No action taken.

17. **Amend Staffing Allocation for Community Development Department**

Community Development Director Will Wong said that in 1991 one building inspector was laid off. Since then the City used contractor services when needed. Now, with a full-time inspector the City would save money, provide better service and more coverage for inspections.

By **RESOLUTION 05-16** amend staffing allocation for the Community Development Department to add a Building Inspector. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

18. **Greenprint Project Workshop**

Connie Gallippi, Greenprint Program Director of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, gave a presentation on how the various municipalities that comprise the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) can collaborate to improve our region’s urban forest and double the urban tree canopy.

By **MOTION** direct staff to determine if the County would be interested in holding a joint workshop for the foothills. By **Substitute MOTION** sponsor the Greenprint Workshop and then direct staff to determine if the County would be interested in holding a joint workshop. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

19. **2005 Cap-To-Cap Representation**

Dan Sokol of 1330 Deerwood Place said he was completely opposed to this trip to Washington. He said there was no evidence it has ever accomplished anything. We don’t need a trip to Washington to get our Congressman’s ear.

Council Member Snyder agreed and said he would not support this trip.

The Council selected Mike Holmes and Alice Dowdin to represent the City of Auburn in the 2005 Cap-To-Cap trip to Washington, DC.

By **MOTION** select Mayor Dowdin and Council Member Holmes to participate in the Cap-to-Cap trip to Washington, DC. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/**
Approved by voice

Adjournment at 8:11 p.m.

Alice Dowdin, Mayor

Joseph Labrie, City Clerk